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**By Facsimile and First Class Mail**

Alva E. Smith  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

**Re: MUR 5164**

Dear Ms. Smith:

This firm has been retained by Gerald Moan and the Reform Party 2000 Convention Committee in conjunction with the complaint filed by Ms. Donna Donovan. The complaint was received by Mr. Moan on January 13, 2001. A brief extension of time to answer the complaint is requested. Dale Cooter, who is the attorney most familiar with the factual circumstances relating to Ms. Donovan's allegations, has been out of town on other matters, and is scheduled to be out of town for part of this week. It is anticipated that the answer to the complaint will be filed within 15 days from today.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Donna S. Mangold

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